

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the official action that issued in the present application on February 6, 2008. Claims 1-15 were pending in the application. In the official action, claims 1-15 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1-15 have been amended, and new claim 16 has been added. Claims 1-16 thus remain for consideration.

Applicants submit that claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance and request withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

§103 Rejections

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamilton (U.S. Patent No. 7,305,357) in view of Asmussen et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0042923).

Applicants submit that the independent claims (claims 1, 5, 7, 11, and 15) are patentable over Hamilton and Asmussen (collectively "the cited references").

Applicants' invention as recited in the independent claims is directed toward content delivery. Each of the claims recites that content control information for a stored broadcast program is received in the control information for obtaining the broadcast program.

The cited references do not disclose that content control information for a stored broadcast program is received in the control information for obtaining the broadcast program. Accordingly, Applicants believe that claims 1, 5, 7, 11, and 15 are patentable over the cited references - taken either individually or in combination - on at least this basis.

Further, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicants believe that dependent claims 2-4, 6, 8-10, 12-14, and 16 are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as discussed in connection with the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

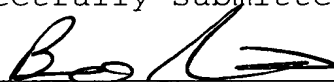
The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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